

Claims:

1. (Original) A saw blade assembly comprising:
 - an arbor;
 - a first blade collar mounted to the arbor;
 - a saw blade having an aperture receiving the arbor;
 - a first washer interposed between the first blade collar and the blade; and
 - at least one shear pin coupling the first washer to the first blade collar, wherein upon a sudden blade stop the shear pin fractures to de-couple the first washer from the first blade collar.
2. (Original) The saw blade assembly of claim 1 further comprising a fastener for securing the saw blade and the first washer to the arbor.